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Dear Sir:

In response to the Communication mailed June 4, 2002, please amend this application as set forth below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 21, 23, and 24.

Kindly amend claims 1, 22, and 25 so that they read as follows:

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- 1. (amended) A respirator that comprises:
- (a) a face piece that is sized to fit at least over the nose and mouth of a person;
- (b) a cartridge receiving structure that is located on the face piece; and
- (c) a filter cartridge that has a housing into which a filter element is contained, the filter cartridge capable of being manually snapped into engagement with the cartridge receiving structure to produce an audible noise, the engagement being instantaneously obtainable by pressing the filter cartridge against the receiving structure without rotational movement of the filter cartridge relative to the receiving structure, the filter cartridge further being capable of being readily separated from the cartridge receiving structure by pulling manually thereon.

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